

Sinclair Broadcasting is forcing their subsidiary broadcast stations to air an anti-Kerry program (thinly-veiled as a documentary). They are doing this just days before the presidential election. This represents a clear example of the dangers that result from media consolidation.

Sinclair is using the public airwaves free of charge. By law, Sinclair is obligated to serve the public interest. But when large companies, such as Sinclair, control the airwaves, then we get more of what's good for the corporation and less of what we need for our democracy. It is important that news programming be fair and objective. Opinion should be clearly labelled as such.

The actions of the Sinclair group show why we need to strengthen media ownership rules, instead of weakening them. It is very important that the FCC enforce its rules and prevent large corporations in the broadcast industry to present their owners' political opinions (whether liberal or conservative) as if they were unbiased news.

The FCC should do its duty and stop the Sinclair group from airing its anti-Kerry political attack ad in the disguise of a "news documentary"

Thank you.